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SUBJ: IPP-78: DEBRIEFING OF RECENT BOAT CASE ARRIVALS

1. WE DEBRIEFED MEMBERS OF GROUP OF 55 INDOCHINA BOAT CASE REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON MAR29. FOLLOWING DETAILS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES.
2. HONG KONG WAS CHOSEN AS DESTINATION SINCE FEEDBACK TO THIS GROUP BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM VIETNAM WAS THAT REFUGEES IN HONG KONG HAVE GOOD ACCOMMODATIONS AND ALL ARE ACCEPTED BY U.S.
3. TRIP WAS PLANNED ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE. COST PER PERSON FOR SHARE OF BOAT AND SUNDRIES WAS FIVE TAEELS (ALMOST SIX OUNCES) OF GOLD.
4. REFUGEE SAILED TOWARDS PARACEL ISLANDS FROM DA NANG, ENCOUNTERING CHINESE FISHING BOATS ON APPROACH TO ISLANDS. FISHERMEN GAVE GROUP FOOD, WATER AND FUEL. REFUGEE BOAT THEN SAILED NORTHWEST. AS BOAT CAME IN SIGHT OF HAINAN ISLAND, REFUGEES ENCOUNTERED PRC GUN BOATS,

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WHICH ESCORTED THEM TO HAINAN ISLAND. THERE REFUGEES RECEIVED ADDITIONAL FOOD, WATER AND FUEL, OFFERING ONE GOLD RING IN RETURN. AFTER STAYING AT HAINAN ISLAND FOR TWO DAYS, REFUGEES DEPARTED FOR HONG KONG. ENTIRE JOURNEY TOOK EIGHT DAYS.

5. REFUGEES STATE THEY NERVOUS ABOUT TYPES OF SHIPS THEY

MIGHT ENCOUNTER NEAR PARCACL ISLANDS, SINCE THEY FEARED  
THEY MIGHT MEET SOVIET SHIP. THEY TOLD US THAT THEY  
HEARD IN VIETNAM THAT TWO GROUPS OF REFUGEES IN THE PAST  
HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY SOVIET FREIGHTERS AND WERE  
TRANSPORTED BACK TO VIETNAM.  
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